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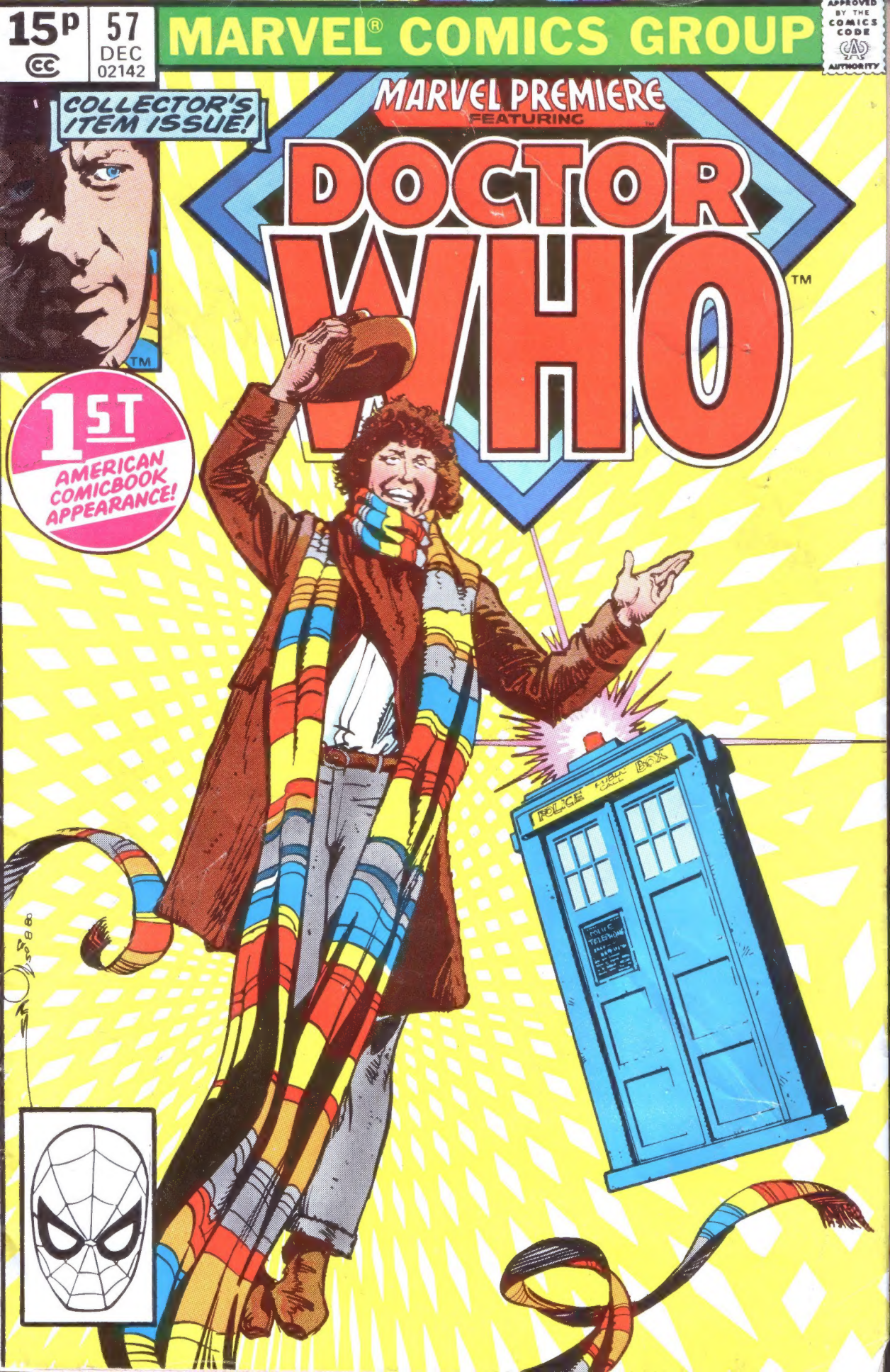

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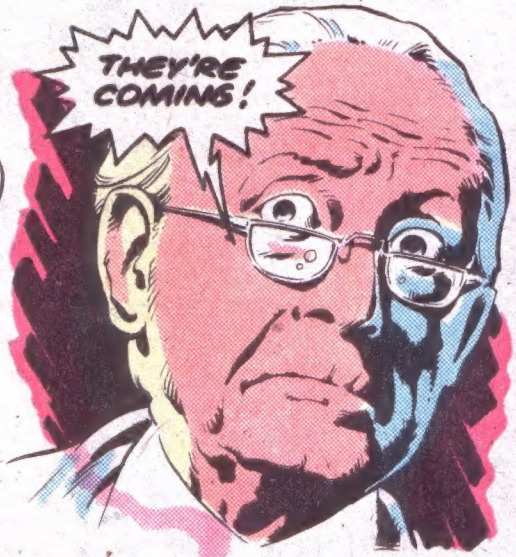
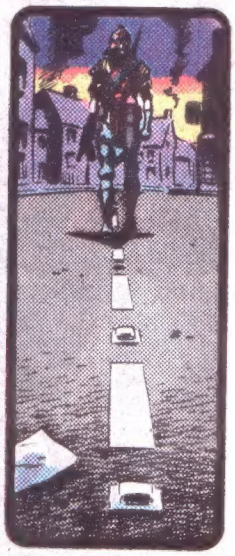
THE DOCTOR'S TARDIS LANDS ON THE OUT-SKIRTS OF A VILLAGE--
J.GRUDD

I MUST STOCK UP WITH PROVISIONS, I HAVEN'T HAD A THING TO EAT SINCE I TOOK OFF FROM ZAGGAR-SIX!

JELLY BABIES, TOO ...OH, HELLO! I DON'T SUPPOSE YOU ACCEPT ZAGGAN POUND NOTES..?
THEY'RE A LITTLE ON THE SLIMY SIDE, BUT ABSOLUTELY INFLATION-PROOF!
JELLY BABIES

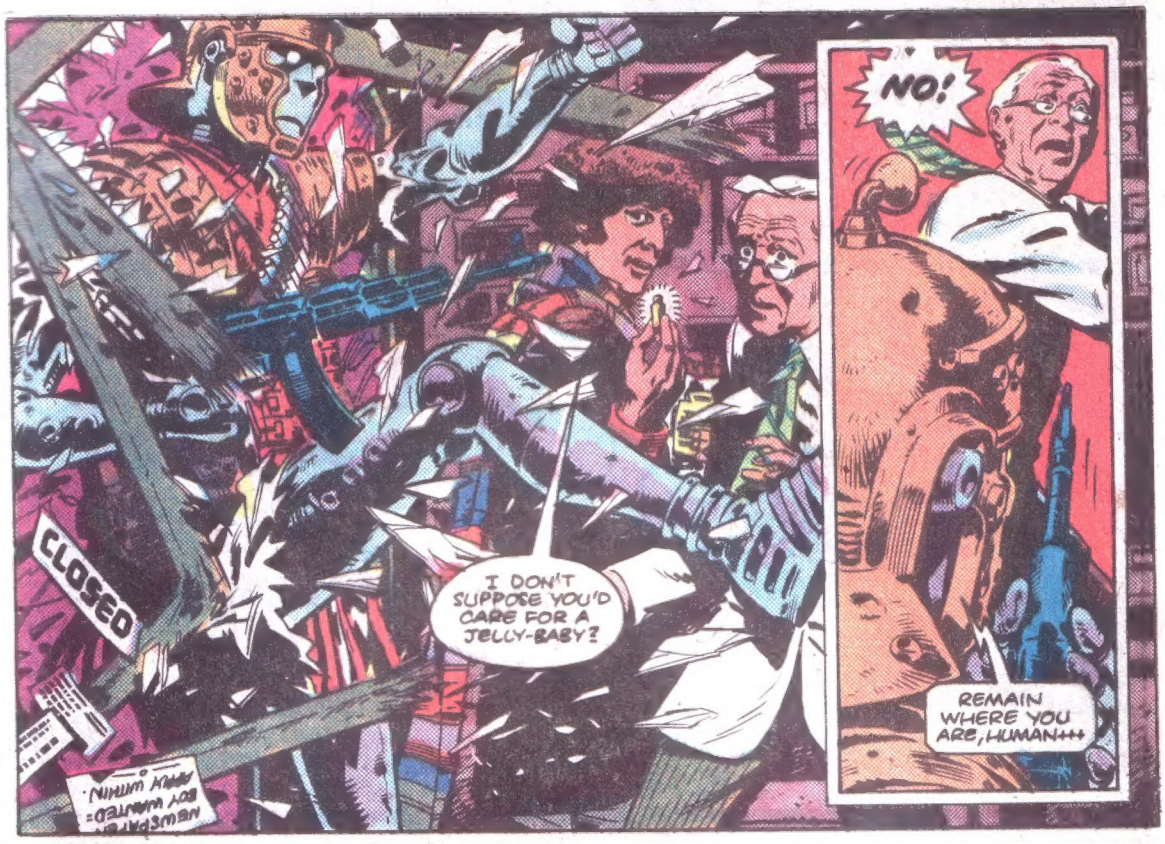

THEY'RE COMING!



WE--WE TRIED TO RUN...BUT THEY'D SURROUNDED THE AREA! I--I CAME BACK HERE. I DIDN'T KNOW WHAT ELSE TO DO!
WHO..? WHO ARE YOU AFRAID OF?

VBB

OH, NO-- LOOK!
SONAR DETECTS THREE HUMANS WITHIN++ WILL PROCEED TO ENTER +++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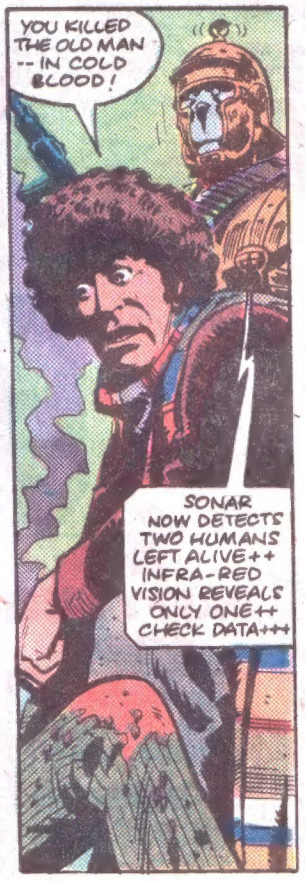
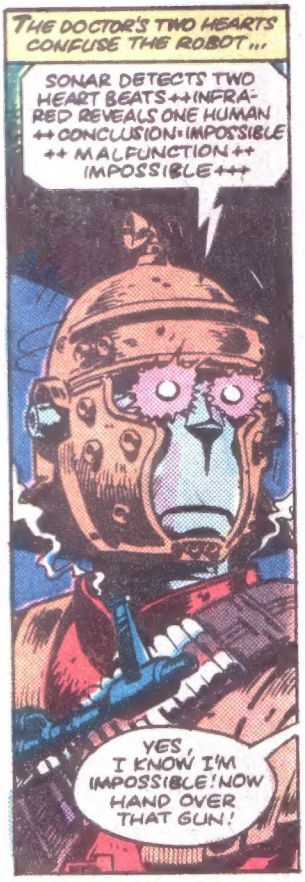
I DON'T SUPPOSE YOU'D CARE FOR A JELLY-BABY?
NO!
REMAIN WHERE YOU ARE, HUMAN+++


YOU KILLED THE OLD MAN -- IN COLD BLOOD!
SONAR NOW DETECTS TWO HUMANS LEFT ALIVE++ INFRA-RED VISION REVEALS ONLY ONE++ CHECK DATA+++

GIVE ME THAT GUN!
GET BACK-- OR I FIRE+++


THE DOCTOR'S TWO HEARTS CONFUSE THE ROBOT...
SONAR DETECTS TWO HEART BEATS++INFRA-RED REVEALS ONE HUMAN ++CONCLUSION=IMPOSSIBLE ++MALFUNCTION++ IMPOSSIBLE+++
YES, I KNOW I'M IMPOSSIBLE! NOW HAND OVER THAT GUN!

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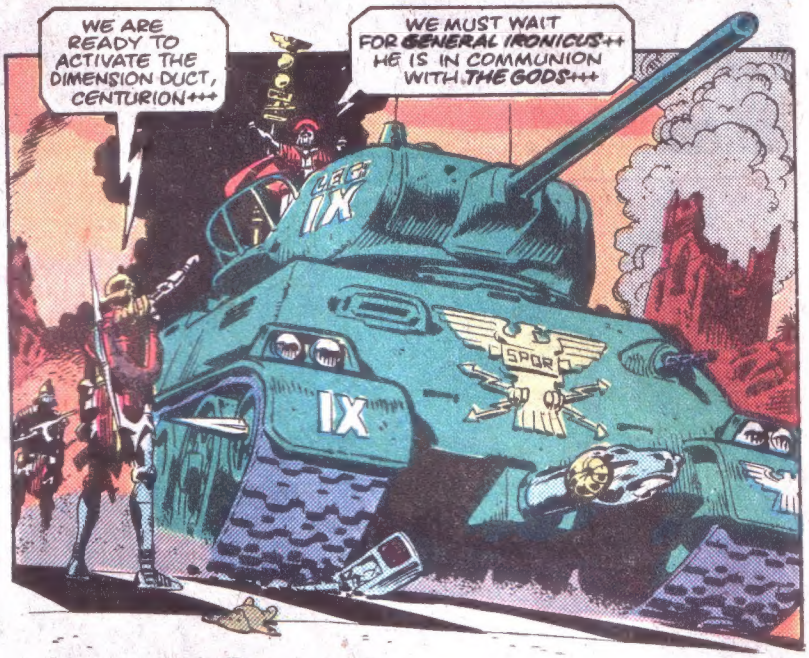
TWO HUMANS++ ONE HUMAN++ MALFUNCTION++ MUST DESTROY++ IMPOSSIBLE++ SMASH+++
YES, YES, WE DON'T WANT ANY MORE OF THAT NONSENSE. LET'S GET YOUR HEAD OFF, SHALL WE? BEFORE YOU BLOW A FUSE!

ABSOLUTELY FASCINATING... "FIRST COHORT OF THE NINTH LEGION"!


WE ARE READY TO ACTIVATE THE DIMENSION DUCT, CENTURION+++
WE MUST WAIT FOR GENERAL IRONICUS++ HE IS IN COMMUNION WITH THE GODS+++
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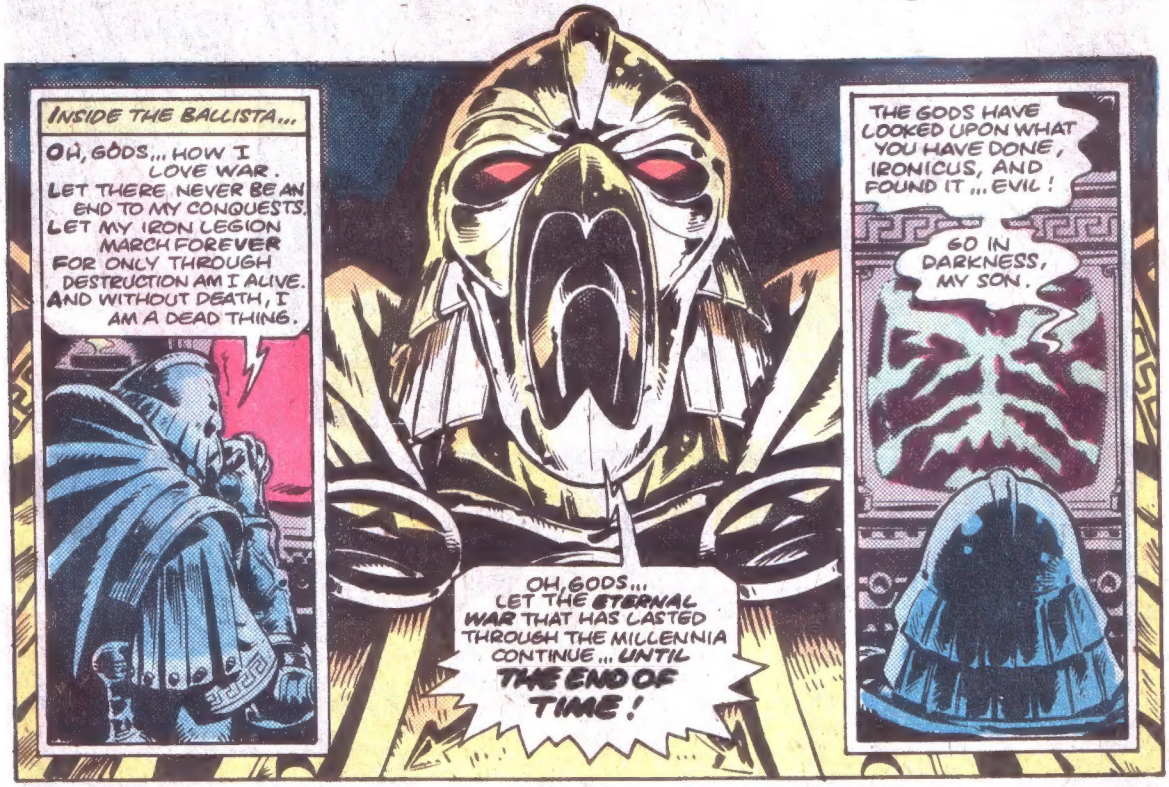
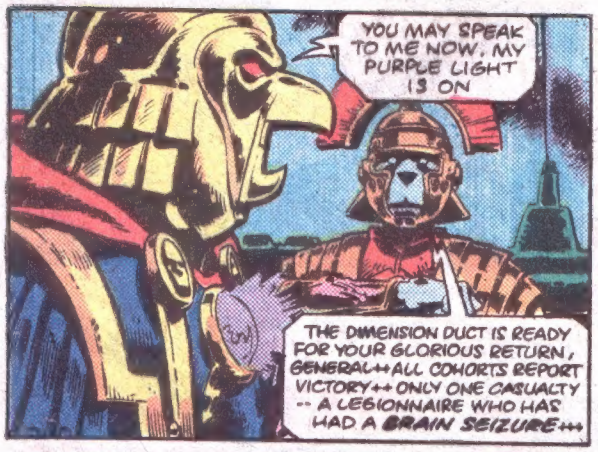

INSIDE THE BALLISTA...
OH, GODS... HOW I LOVE WAR. LET THERE NEVER BE AN END TO MY CONQUESTS. LET MY IRON LEGION MARCH FOREVER FOR ONLY THROUGH DESTRUCTION AM I ALIVE. AND WITHOUT DEATH, I AM A DEAD THING.
OH, GODS... LET THE ETERNAL WAR THAT HAS LASTED THROUGH THE MILLENNIA CONTINUE... UNTIL THE END OF TIME!
THE GODS HAVE LOOKED UPON WHAT YOU HAVE DONE, IRONICUS, AND FOUND IT... EVIL!
GO IN DARKNESS, MY SON.


YOU MAY SPEAK TO ME NOW. MY PURPLE LIGHT IS ON
THE DIMENSION DUCT IS READY FOR YOUR GLORIOUS RETURN, GENERAL++ ALL COHORTS REPORT VICTORY++ ONLY ONE CASUALTY -- A LEGIONNAIRE WHO HAS HAD A BRAIN SEIZURE+++

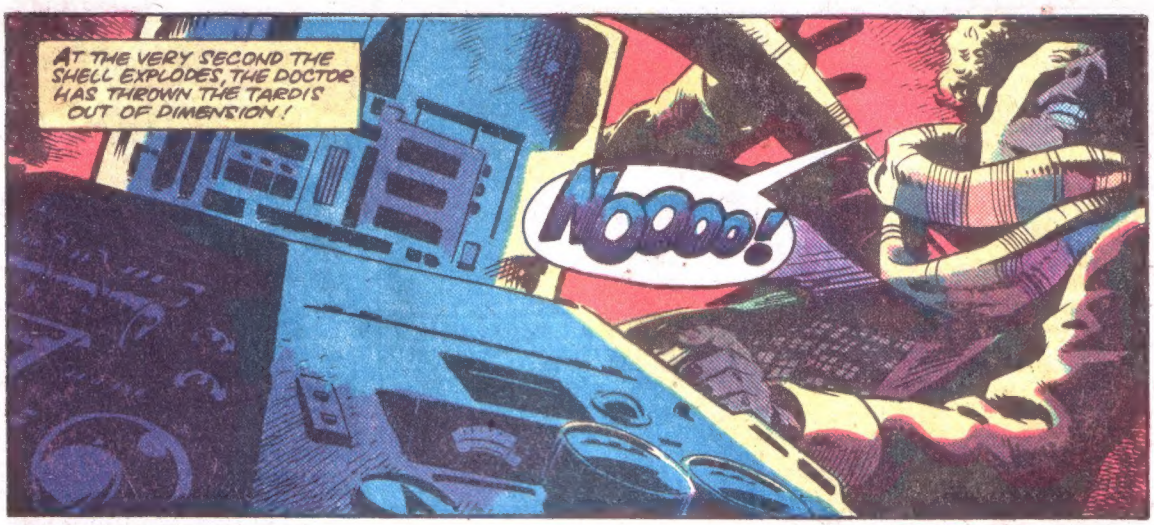
AT THAT MOMENT, THE DOCTOR LEAVES THE SHOP...
AH..! ER, WELL, THAT WAS REALLY MY FAULT..!

YOU WILL COME WITH US+++

IN THAT CASE, I'LL JUST GET MY TRAVELLING HAT ...HERE -- YOU'D BETTER LOOK AFTER THIS!

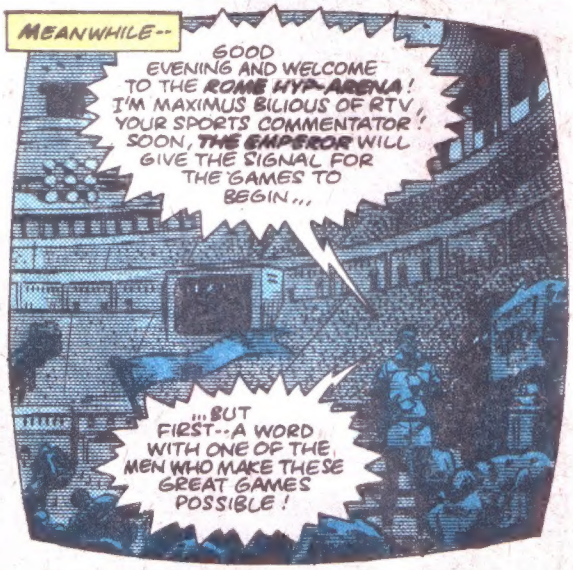
OPEN FIRE!

AAAAAHH!


AT THE VERY SECOND THE SHELL EXPLODES, THE DOCTOR HAS THROWN THE TARDIS OUT OF DIMENSION!
NOOOO!

MINUTES LATER--
SORRY ABOUT THAT, OLD GIRL ... IT DIDN'T GO DOWN VERY WELL WITH ME, EITHER...

...WE SEEM TO BE CAUGHT IN SOME KIND OF DIMENSIONAL DISTURBANCE!


MEANWHILE--
GOOD EVENING AND WELCOME TO THE ROME HYP-ARENA! I'M MAXIMUS BILIOUS OF RTV YOUR SPORTS COMMENTATOR! SOON, THE EMPEROR WILL GIVE THE SIGNAL FOR THE GAMES TO BEGIN...
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AND WHAT ABOUT THE ECTOSLIME, BARB? I'VE HEARD THERE'S BEEN SOME TENTACLE TROUBLE THERE...
NO, MAX, THEY'RE IN TOP SHAPE. THERE'LL BE SOME FUN IN THE ARENA WHEN THE ECTOSLIME COMES IN!

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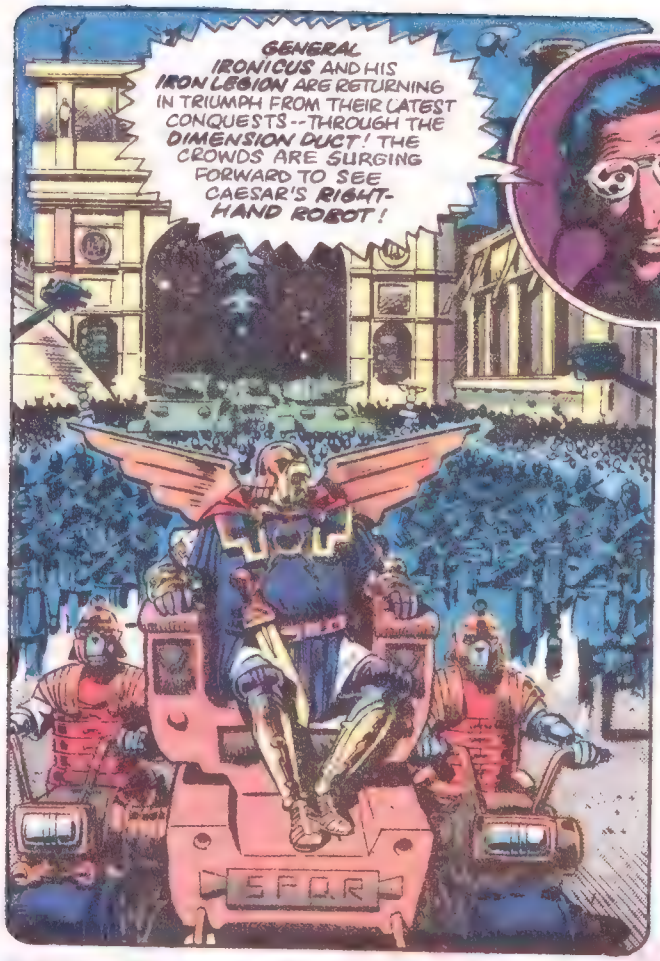
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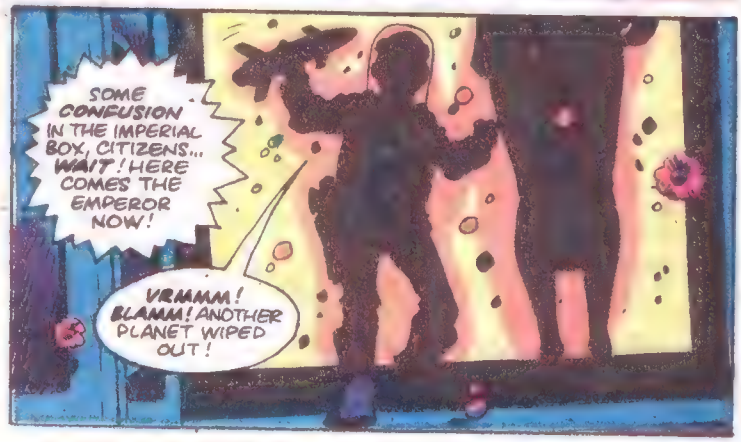
S.P.Q.R

NOW GENERAL IRONICUS HAS ENTERED THE ARENA AND IS TAKING HIS PLACE IN THE IMPERIAL BOX AND...YES.... YES...
I HEAR, CITIZENS, THAT THE EMPEROR IS READY TO ENTER...WE'RE TAKING YOU OVER THERE...
AND HERE HE COMES... THE EMPEROR ADOLPHUS CAESAR! RULER OF THE EARTH! MASTER OF THE SOLAR SYSTEM AND THE GALAXY BEYOND!

HAIL CAESAR!
HAIL CAESAR!
OH, YOU'RE TOO KIND...BUT I'M JUST--THE DOCTOR!

TAKE HIM!


SOME CONFUSION IN THE IMPERIAL BOX, CITIZENS... WAIT! HERE COMES THE EMPEROR NOW!
VRMMM! BLAMM! ANOTHER PLANET WIPED OUT!

I AM THE EMPEROR ADOLPHUS AND I CAN DO WHAT I WANT!
OF COURSE YOU CAN, CHILD. BUT IT IS TIME FOR YOU TO OPEN THE GAMES!

OH, VERY WELL! I DECLARE THESE STUPID GAMES OPEN!
AVE, CAESAR! MORITURI TE SALUTANT!

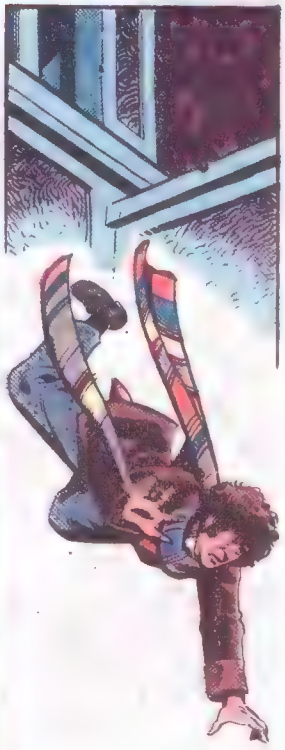
THE DOCTOR REALIZES THE TRUTH--
AN ALTERNATIVE EARTH WHERE ROME NEVER FELL...! BUT, INSTEAD, DEVELOPED A SOPHISTICATED TECHNOLOGY AND—WITH ITS ROBOT LEGIONS -- CONQUERED THE ENTIRE GALAXY!

IS IT NOT A PROUD ACHIEVEMENT, DOCTOR?
IT'S APPALLING! WHAT ON EARTH'S THE POINT? I MEAN...DON'T YOU FIND ALL THAT MARCHING AND CONQUERING RATHER BORING, GENERAL?

NO.

AND THE CARNAGE OF THE ARENA?
IT KEEPS THE MOB AMUSED!

THE CROWDS ARE AT FEVER-PITCH! AND, ANY MOMENT NOW, TONIGHT'S STAR-TURN ... THE ECTOSLIME, WILL APPEAR!



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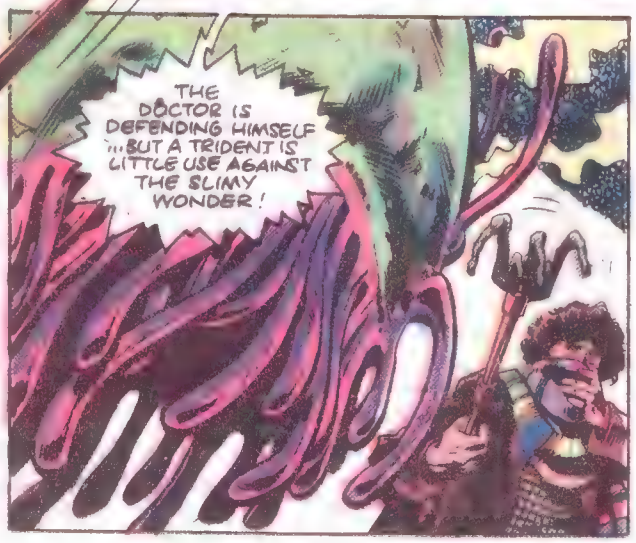
AS 'ECCY' FANS KNOW, THE MONSTER STUNS ITS VICTIMS WITH ITS ODOR BEFORE LIQUEFYING AND DRINKING THEM!
>GASP!< THAT SMELL!

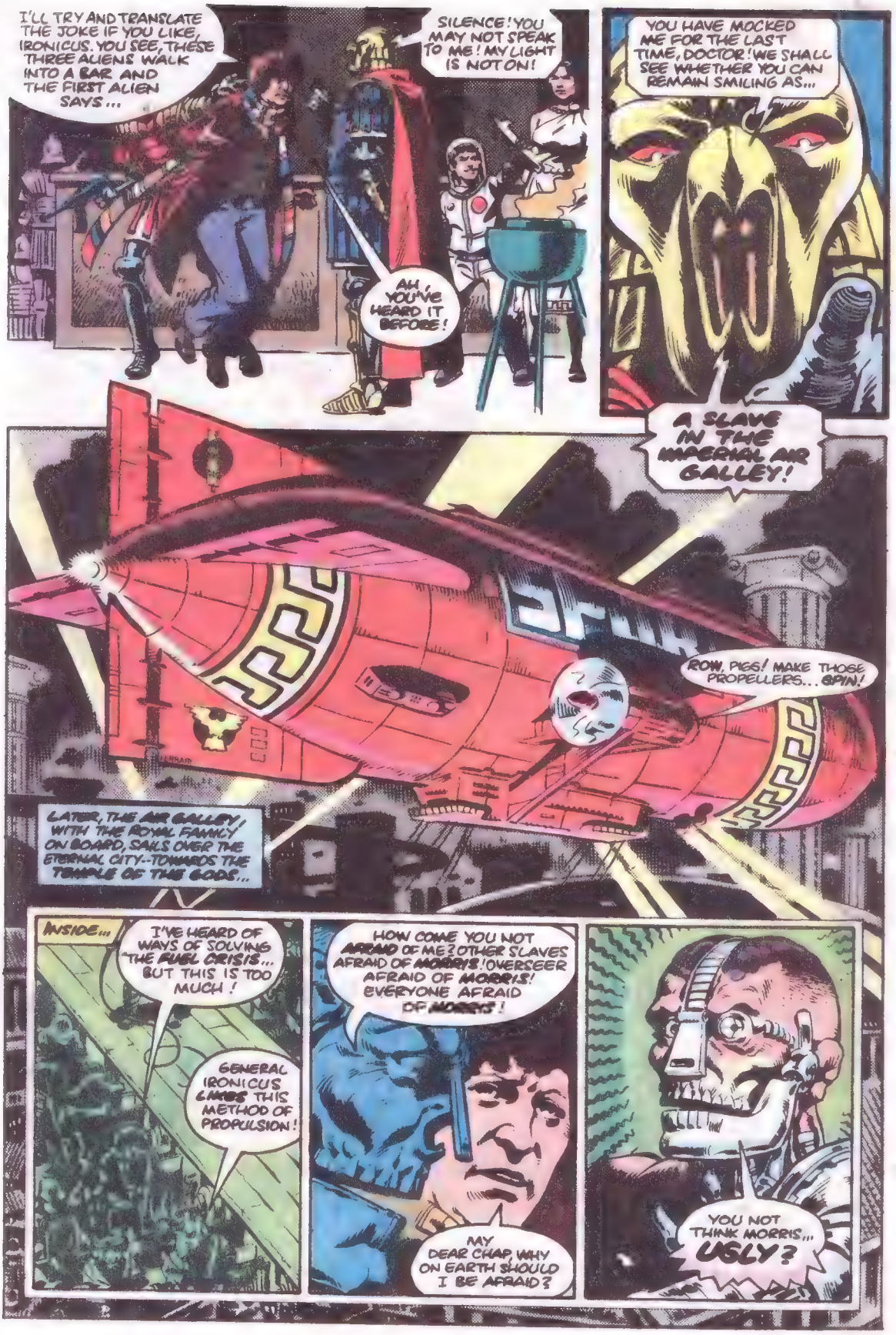
DO YOU MIND IF I BORROW YOUR TOASTING FORK?

NOW THE ECTOSLIME IS MOVING IN FOR THE KILL!
MAYBE I'VE COME ACROSS THIS CREATURE BEFORE... PERHAPS IT'S GOT SOME WEAKNESS...

MUST GO THROUGH MY MEMORY FILES! LET'S SEE... 'ABOMINABLE SNOWMEN... AUTONS ... AKOS ...'


THE DOCTOR IS DEFENDING HIMSELF ... BUT A TRIDENT IS LITTLE USE AGAINST THE SLIMY WONDER!

NOW THE DOCTOR IS ON THE GROUND! IT'S NEARLY OVER! THE CROWDS ARE GOING CRAZY WITH EXCITEMENT!
ONLY GENERAL IRONICUS CAN STOP THE MONSTER FROM DELIVERING THE DEATH BLOW!
DEMONS... DALEKS...DINOSAURS...' AH, HERE WE ARE...'ECTO-SLIME--DISTINGUISHING CHARACTERISTIC...'
UP IN THE IMPERIAL BOX, GENERAL IRONICUS IS STANDING UP..! THE CROWD WAITS FOR HIS SIGN! WILL THIS GREAT ROBOT SOLDIER SHOW MERCY..?
WHIRR
NO!...AND SO, ECCY CLAIMS ANOTHER VICTIM, AND...WAIT! SOMETHING STRANGE IS HAPPENING... THE DOCTOR IS SPEAKING TO THE ECTOSLIME IN AN ALIEN TONGUE AND THE MONSTER IS STARTING TO VIBRATE..!
I'M SORRY HUMANS COULDN'T APPRECIATE IT...BUT IT WAS A VERY ALIEN JOKE!! THAT'S THE THING ABOUT ECTO-SLIME--THEY HAVE A HIGHLY DEVELOPED SENSE OF HUMOR!
...IT'S NATURE'S WAY OF MAKING UP FOR THEIR APPEARANCE!
BRING ME THE DOCTOR!


I'LL TRY AND TRANSLATE THE JOKE IF YOU LIKE, IRONICUS. YOU SEE, THESE THREE ALIENS WALK INTO A BAR AND THE FIRST ALIEN SAYS...
SILENCE! YOU MAY NOT SPEAK TO ME! MY LIGHT IS NOT ON!
AH, YOU'VE HEARD IT BEFORE!
YOU HAVE MOCKED ME FOR THE LAST TIME, DOCTOR! WE SHALL SEE WHETHER YOU CAN REMAIN SMILING AS...
A SLAVE IN THE IMPERIAL AIR GALLEY!
ROW, PIGS! MAKE THOSE PROPELLERS... SPIN!
LATER, THE AIR GALLEY, WITH THE ROYAL FAMILY ON BOARD, SAILS OVER THE ETERNAL CITY--TOWARDS THE TEMPLE OF THE GODS...
INSIDE...
I'VE HEARD OF WAYS OF SOLVING THE FUEL CRISIS... BUT THIS IS TOO MUCH!
GENERAL IRONICUS LIKES THIS METHOD OF PROPULSION!
HOW COME YOU NOT AFRAID OF ME? OTHER SLAVES AFRAID OF MORRIS! OVERSEER AFRAID OF MORRIS! EVERYONE AFRAID OF MORRIS!
MY DEAR CHAP, WHY ON EARTH SHOULD I BE AFRAID?
YOU NOT THINK MORRIS... UGLY?

COMPARED TO THE ECTOSLIME, YOU'RE ALMOST HANDSOME!
THAT GOOD! MORRIS LIKE!
I'M SO GLAD. AS WE'RE TO BE TRAVELLING COMPANIONS, MORRIS, PERHAPS I SHOULD INTRODUCE MYSELF. I'M THE DOCTOR.

MORRIS KNOW LOT OF DOCTORS! THEY GO PATCH ME UP WHEN I TRY ESCAPE. I TRY MANY, MANY TIMES. AND EVERY TIME I TRY...
...I HURT MYSELF!

THE ROYAL FAMILY PASSES DOWN THE GANGWAY...
PUT YOUR BACKS INTO IT, SCUM! CAESAR WANTS TO FLY FASTER THAN THE EAGLES!
CAESAR'S MOTHER... THERE'S SOMETHING ABOUT HER...

WHAT UP, DOC..?
I'M NOT SURE, MORRIS. FOR A MOMENT, I THOUGHT I CAUGHT A GLIMPSE OF SOMETHING... TERRIBLE! IF I'M RIGHT, THEN...

I'VE DISCOVERED THE HORRIFYING SECRET OF THE GALACTIC ROMAN EMPIRE!

THE IMPERIAL AIR-GALLEY ENTERS... THE TEMPLE OF THE GODS!
IT'S MORE THAN A TEMPLE ...IT'S AN ALIEN SPACE-SHIP!
WHAT UP, DOC...? YOU CAN TELL MORRIS. MORRIS IS YOUR PAL!
MY MIND'S IN THREE PLACES AT ONCE, MORRIS. WE MUST ESCAPE--WHILE THEY'RE BUSY DOCKING!
YOU BETCHA, DOC! MORRIS NOT ESCAPED FOR A COUPLE O' WEEKS!
WILL YOUR BIONIC ARM BREAK THESE CHAINS?
YEHHH! MORRIS USED TO BE GLADIATOR --UNTIL THEY IMPRISON HIM FOR 'SOUPING-UP' HIS BIONIC ARM CIRCUITS!
WATCH!
YES, I SEE WHAT YOU MEAN!
NOW MORRIS GO GET...

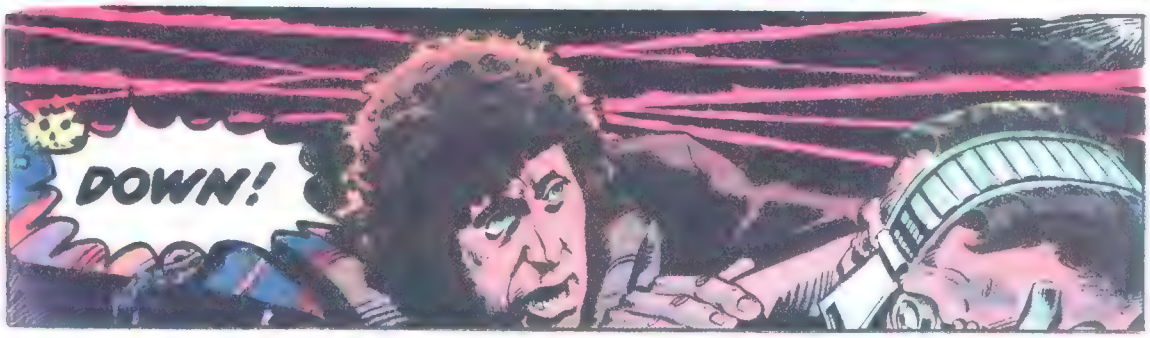
...UGLY WID OVER-SEER!

COME ON!

LOOK OUT, DOC..! BELOW US --THE ALIEN GUARD! PROTECTORS OF THE TEMPLE!

KEEP GOING... THEY WON'T FIRE FOR FEAR OF HITTING THE IMPERIAL AIR GALLEY!

NOW-- SHOOT...! SHOOT TO KILL!
MORE ALIEN GUARDS UP AHEAD...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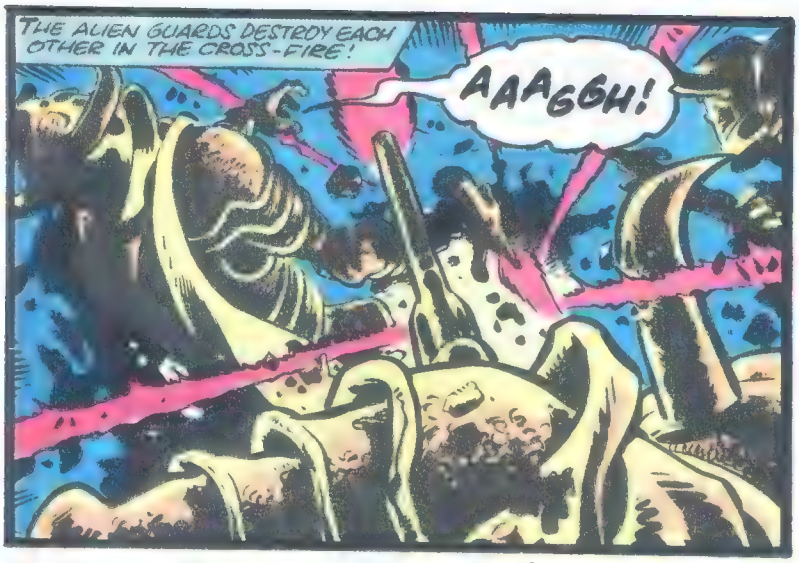
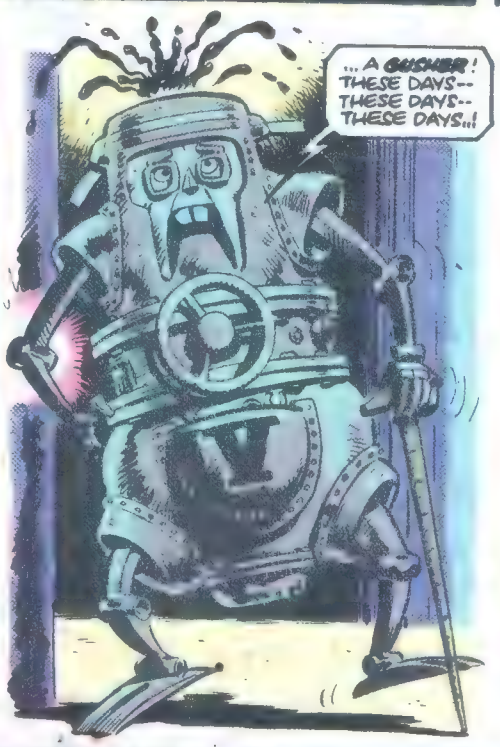
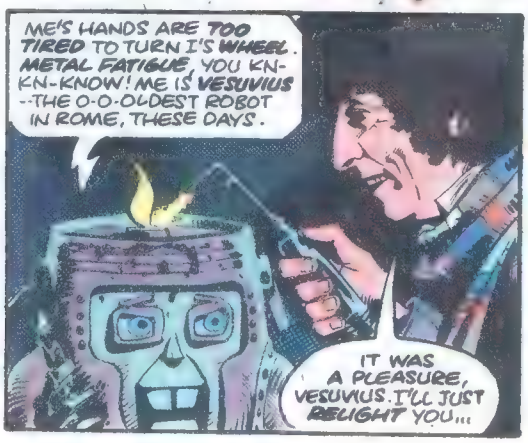

THE ALIEN GUARDS DESTROY EACH OTHER IN THE CROSS-FIRE!
AAAGGH!

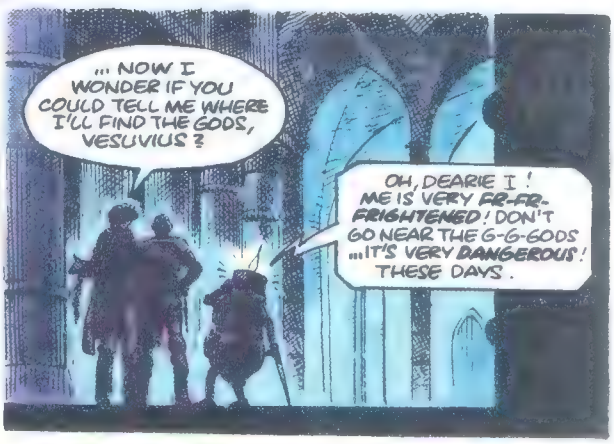
NOW WE GET AWAY, DOC..?
NO--I WANT TO FIND OUT WHAT IS... HOLD IT! SOMEONE'S COMING!

OH, DEARIE I! WHICH W-W-WAY IS ME GOING? I IS LOST... OHH! M-M-ME IS GOING TO HAVE A GUSHER! THESE DAYS..!
WHAT A STRANGE ROBOT!


... A GUSHER! THESE DAYS-- THESE DAYS-- THESE DAYS..!

LET ME HELP. THIS WHEEL IS A PRESSURE CONTROL, ISN'T IT?
THESE DAYS! OH, TH-TH-THANK YOU, KIND SIR! OH, YOU DON'T KNOW HOW GOOD THAT FEELS... MM! THE RELIEF!


ME'S HANDS ARE TOO TIRED TO TURN I'S WHEEL. METAL FATIGUE, YOU KN-KN-KNOW! ME IS VESUVIUS --THE O-O-OLDEST ROBOT IN ROME, THESE DAYS.
IT WAS A PLEASURE, VESUVIUS. I'LL JUST RELIGHT YOU...


... NOW I WONDER IF YOU COULD TELL ME WHERE I'LL FIND THE GODS, VESUVIUS?
OH, DEARIE I! ME IS VERY FR-FR-FRIGHTENED! DON'T GO NEAR THE G-G-GODS ...IT'S VERY DANGEROUS! THESE DAYS.

BUT I MUST! I'VE GOT TO KNOW THE TRUTH!

A-A-ALL RIGHT-- FOLLOW I... BUT BE CAREFUL. G-G-GODS DO WICKED THINGS. ME MIGHT HAVE ANOTHER GUSHER! THESE DAYS.

OH, DEARIE I... L-L-LOOK!

OH, GODS... THOU KNOWEST HOW I LOVE THEE, FOR THOU BRINGEST ME WHAT I LIKE BEST... WAR! IN THIS YEAR MMMXXI R.I.P., I HUMBLY THANK THEE FOR THE ETERNAL WAR AND EMPIRE WITHOUT END!

"REGENCY OF IRONICUS.

POOH! GODS NOT FRIGHTEN MORRIS. THEY JUST STATUES

WAIT...

...THE STATUES ARE STARTING TO MOVE!

I PRAYED IT WASN'T TRUE, BUT... IT'S AS I FEARED! THE MALEVILUS! MOST TERRIBLE OF ALIEN RACES...

...THEY ARE THE GODS OF THE ROMAN EMPIRE!

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AGAINST THE GODS!

the five doctors

Pictured here, clockwise from upper left, are television's four doctors — WILLIAM HARTNELL, PATRICK TROUGHTON, TOM BAKER, and JON PERTWEE. At center is PETER CUSHING, who played the Doctor in two feature films.

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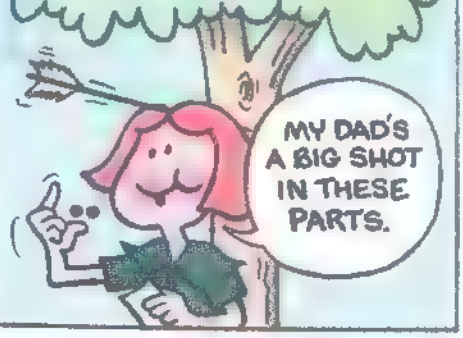
1830

COUNT DRACULA, AFTER TRYING **WHOPPERS** FOR A TREAT IN A DIFFERENT VEIN, SWITCHED TO THE MALTED MILK DELIGHTS FOR GOOD AND BECAME A REAL SWEET GUY... FOR A TRANSYLVANIAN.

1352

WHEN THE BOW AND ARROW HERO KNOWN AS WILLIAM TELL SHOT A WHOPPERS OFF HIS SON'S HEAD HE STUNNED THE CROWD BY CREATING THE CENTER-PART HAIR DO. IT WAS ANOTHER TALL TALE FOR TELL.

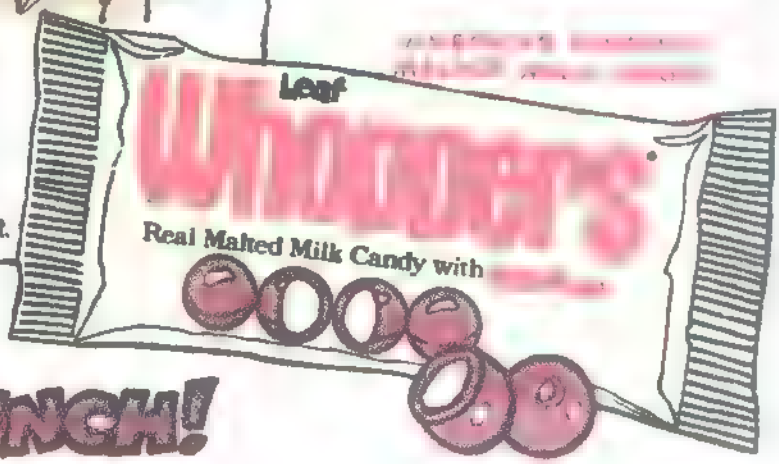


1849

AUTHOR CHARLES DICKENS WROTE HIS NOVEL "DAVID WHOPPERFIELD" WHILE ON VACATION IN THE ENGLISH TOWN OF CRUNCHING-ON-WHOPPERS. HE WAS A DICKENS OF A CANDY LOVER.

1900

FERDINAND VON ZEPPELIN WAS SO UP IN THE CLOUDS OVER THE GREAT TASTE OF WHOPPERS MALTED MILK CANDY THAT HE INVENTED THE LIGHTER-THAN-AIR CRAFT WHICH CAME TO BE NAMED FOR HIM. IT WAS A VERY GOODYEAR FOR THE OLD GERMAN WINDBAG.



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who is the doctor

For the past two years or so, American audiences have delighted to the antics and adventures of a Time Lord, a cosmic wanderer who travels through time and space. Armed with his sonic screwdriver, an I.Q. well above the genius level, and an endless supply of jelly babies and tinkered-together oddments, he manages to dispatch an endless stream of deadly and fantastical foes with absent-minded efficiency. He is The Doctor.

Doctor Who has been a top-rated science fiction and fantasy show in Great Britain since its debut in 1963. Although it was originally conceived as a program for children, and is still produced with a clarity and imagination guaranteed to attract and hold the interest of younger viewers, the wit, enthusiasm, and overall high quality of the programs have consistently drawn a large number of older viewers as well. Recently it was estimated that as many as 60% of the Doctor's audience are adults.

When the Doctor first appeared, very little was known about him except that he lived and voyaged in the TARDIS, a cabinet that can journey across time and space. The name TARDIS is an acronym for Time and Relative Dimensions in Space. The interior of the TARDIS is, in fact, considerably larger than the exterior, because it exists in one of those relative dimensions, outside of time and space. The exterior looks like an ordinary British police call box. TARDISes are supposed to be chameleonlike, changing appearance to fit into any surroundings. This one, however, got stuck in the first form it adopted. While it fits in fine with a 20th Century London setting, it tends to look a little strange, resting on alien soil or whirling through the vastness of space. The Doctor remained very much a man of mystery during his early adventures. It was only over the course of time that bits of his fascinating background emerged. In some respects, the American audience is more fortunate than the British. Because Doctor Who wasn't broadcast in this country until the twelfth (or, in some areas, the thirteenth) season, American audiences early on learned a great deal about the fascinatingly eccentric Time Lord. The price we paid for doing so was having to wait until 1977 to first meet the Doctor and missing out on the fun of the mystery.

What we do know about the Doctor is as follows: He is a Time Lord (real name $d^3 \Sigma x^2$), a member of the ruling class of the planet Gallifrey, who ran off in a stolen, slightly out-of-whack TARDIS because he was bored stiff on his peaceful, civilized, and highly advanced home planet. As a native of Gallifrey, he is humanoid in appearance, but the resemblance to Earth's inhabitants is only skin-deep (and doesn't even extend to skin temperature). In all major internal respects, he's quite different. The Doctor has two fully functional hearts, occupying both sides of his chest cavity and beating at a rate of ten pulses per minute apiece. His blood pressure is 70/70, and his blood itself, while structurally similar to human hemoglobin, differs in many respects, including a much greater capacity to carry oxygen. The Doctor only breathes about four times per minute (as opposed to the average human respiratory rate of 12-16), and although his skin is warm to the touch, his body temperature is only 60 degrees farenheit. His skeletal structure is apparently normal (i.e. human) and — not surprising in an interstellar genius — his brain cavity is very large, and the brain itself highly active. These traits, plus the ability to physically metamorphose into a new body when in danger of death from fatigue, illness, or injury, enable Time Lords to live indefinitely, barring accidents or foul play. At present, the Doctor is roughly 750 years old.

The doctor's ability to transform himself, coupled with the public's insatiable demand for more of their hero's adventures despite the passage of time and the fact that actors do, eventually, tire of even the most interesting roles and want to move on, have led to four different incarnations for the Doctor.

If American audiences had been able to watch the show over the years or seen episodes from its earlier seasons, they might recognize the Doctor only by his TARDIS, the one item (besides certain aspects of his personality) that has remained constant throughout years that have included a complete turnover in production staff, changes in setting and story flavor, four different stars, and at least twenty different regular supporting players.

The first Doctor was played by the late William Hartnell. In this incarnation, he was a crotchety old man, a brilliant curmudgeon who, although willing to help anyone in trouble, had little use and less patience for people less intelligent than himself (i.e. everyone). The one clear exception to this was the girl, Susan, who traveled with him for many of his adventures and for whom he had a warm and very genuine affection. Susan was introduced in the first episode as the Doctor's granddaughter, and considering his age, she may well have been, although this would imply that the Doctor has had a wife, children, and other family ties, none of which have ever been referred to in any other manner. Perhaps the relationship was a fiction, a way for the Doctor and Susan to explain their filial fondness for one another to the people they met.

During Hartnell's tenure, the overwhelming majority of the episodes dealt with time, especially Earth's history and future. Week after week, the Doctor journeyed through time and space, accompanied by whoever happened to be in the TARDIS with him at the moment. In this way, he acquired and lost a great many companions from different countries, planets, and eras. They'd come along for the ride and eventually ask to be dropped off, either because they were tired of the trip, or had found something worth staying for at one of their ports of call, or by chance and good luck, had actually managed to get back to their point of origin.

The second Doctor, introduced after three seasons and an announcement by this mysterious character that "This old body of mine is becoming tired," was played by Patrick Troughton. Initially, he came as a bit of a shock, both to the current members of the Doctor's constantly changing group of comrades, and to the audience as well. It was only after they'd seen the new Doctor in action that people realized how similar he was to his predecessor in all important respects. The brilliant inquisitive mind was still there, and the stubborn individuality, as well as the familiar altruism. But, while the original Doctor was quite healthy and active for a man who appeared to be around sixty, his successor was both younger and livelier. The gruff eccentricity had mellowed into whimsicality, and the impatience had yielded to a gentler character with a softer heart.

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The second Doctor occasionally wore a tall and astonishing hat, and at moments of thought and inspiration, he played the recorder, sometimes dancing as he did. More than anything, he resembled a cosmic hobo.

His term came to an end when Patrick Troughton moved on, and the Doctor had to turn to his fellow Time Lords for help in wrapping up a particularly difficult case. After aiding him, they took him back to Gallifrey and placed him on trial (remember the stolen TARDIS?). It is , it developed, a serious offense for a Time Lord to meddle in the destinies of other races. To do so constitutes an abuse of his space and time powers. (No wonder our Doctor found his homeworld a deadly bore!) At the end of a lengthy trial, $d^3 \leq x^3$ was found guilty, with extenuating circumstances. After all, he'd used his powers almost solely for the good of others all along, and he'd turned himself in willingly, for unselfish reasons, when he might have gone on uncaught indefinitely.

As punishment, the Time Lords sent his companions (including Jamie, a young Scotsman who'd been with the Doctor for years) back to their points of origin with their memories erased, and sentenced the Doctor to a period of exile on Twentieth-century Earth, arranging matters so that the always temperamental and unpredictable TARDIS was now completely beyond the Doctor's control. What followed were several seasons of stories involving the previously introduced UNIT — the United Nations Intelligence Taskforce — a British-based worldwide trouble-shooting organization that retained the Doctor as its scientific advisor. These episodes were less historical fantasy and more straight science fiction, with a certain flavor of espionage. While there were still a large number of monsters, alien invaders and mad scientists to contend with, they were largely of the home grown variety. Unable to go out looking for adventure, the Doctor had to wait around until his enemies came to him.

When the Time Lords exiled the Doctor, he pointed out that he was too well known on Earth either to be safe or to blend in inconspicuously, and so his fellow Gallifreyans transformed him once more. At this point Jon Pertwee took over the title role. He was the most elegant Doctor to date, bringing to the character a panache and a flair for dressing that neither of his predecessors had achieved. He was inclined to wear frilled shirts, a velvet jacket, and a swirling cape during this period. While the Doctor once again retained his brilliance, his curiosity, and his willingness to help others, he became particularly interested in tinkering with gadgets, especially with vehicles of all descriptions. Unable to use the TARDIS, he drove around in an old-fashioned roadster called Bessie.

Eventually, the Doctor and his then-assistant, Jo Grant, foiled the diabolical plot of the Doctor's archenemy, the Master — a renegade Time Lord. Consequently, the other Time Lords relented, ending the Doctor's exile and putting the TARDIS to rights (at least insofar as that eccentric vehicle will ever be right). Sometime after that, the Doctor ran up against a foe who proved to be too much for him, and nearly destroyed himself in saving the world. With the aid of a fellow Time Lord who happened to be nearby, the Doctor transformed himself once again, and Tom Baker took over the part. (While the last of the Jon Pertwee episodes have been shown in some states it's only the first two seasons of the Tom Baker episodes that most Americans have seen.)

In his latest incarnation, the Doctor is rather like a synthesis of all his previous selves. He's still brilliant, inquiring, altruistic, and eccentric, but he's sometimes a bit absent-minded as well. He's subject to the crotchets and impatience of the first Doctor, but he has the whimsy of the second, as well as a wonderfully dotty sense of humor. He also brings a flair for dress to the role, but the style of his clothing is reminiscent of the hobo. He wears a soft felt hat, a frock coat, and a knotted, striped scarf that seems to go on for miles and miles. (Actually, its about fourteen feet long in interior shots and twenty feet long out of doors.) In search of adventure, the Doctor journeys through time and space, to Earth's past and future, and to other planets, but he's still known to stop off at Twentieth-century Earth occasionally to help UNIT with some particularly thorny problem. And he still has that ever-changing stream of comrades, which has recently included Romana, a lady Time Lord who has herself had two incarnations so far, and K-9, a computerized dog who doubles as brilliant company and a useful gadget.

There has also been one additional Doctor, who can't be explained away by any metamorphosis except the strange process of transforming material from television to motion pictures. When two adventures involving the Doctor's most popular enemies — the Daleks — were adapted into films. the producers felt that a big name star would be needed to sell them on the international market. And so, for the duration of two movies, Peter Cushing brought a dry and erudite, urbane characterization to the Doctor.

These days, the Doctor is more popular than ever before, with high ratings in Great Britain, cult popularity growing around the world, a series a paperback books, the British comic magazine (where this issue's story, "The Iron Legion" was first printed), plenty of Doctor Who-related merchandising, and no end in sight.

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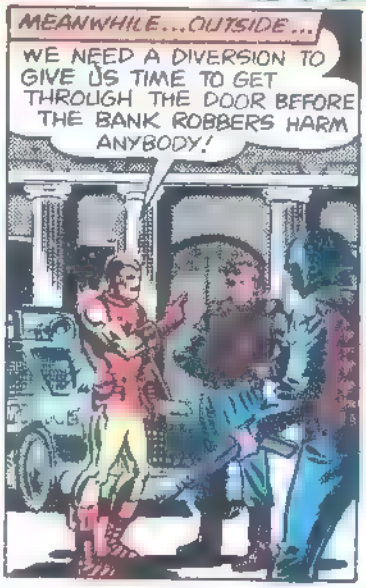

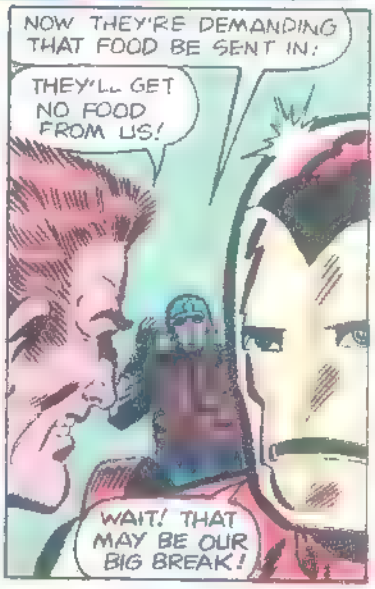

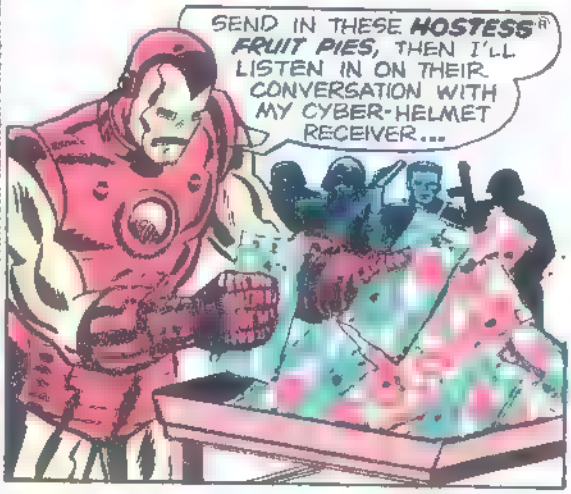

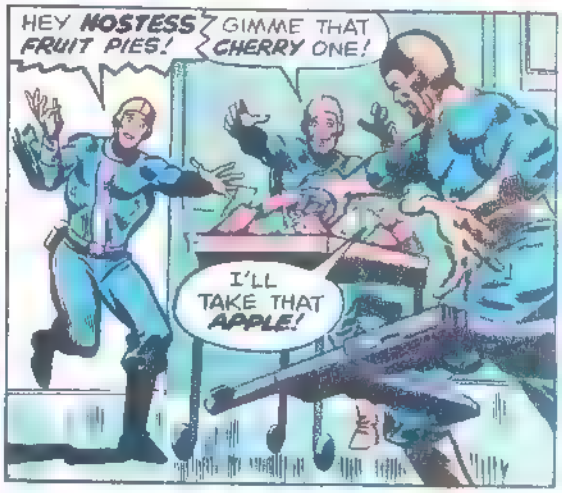

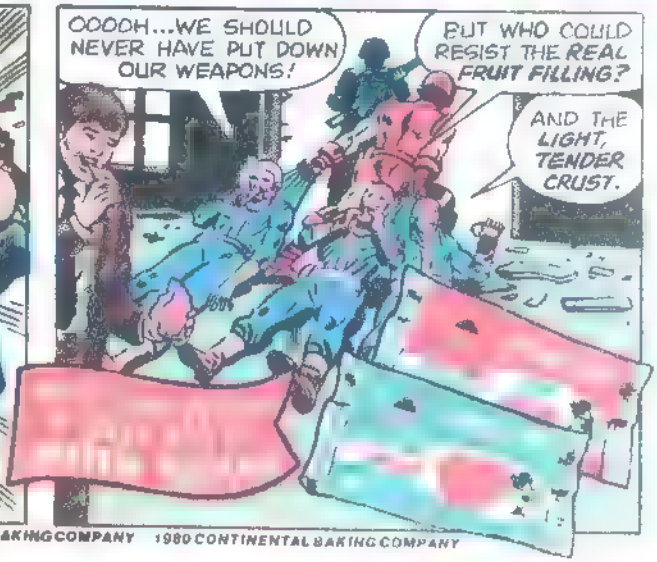

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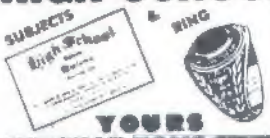

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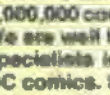

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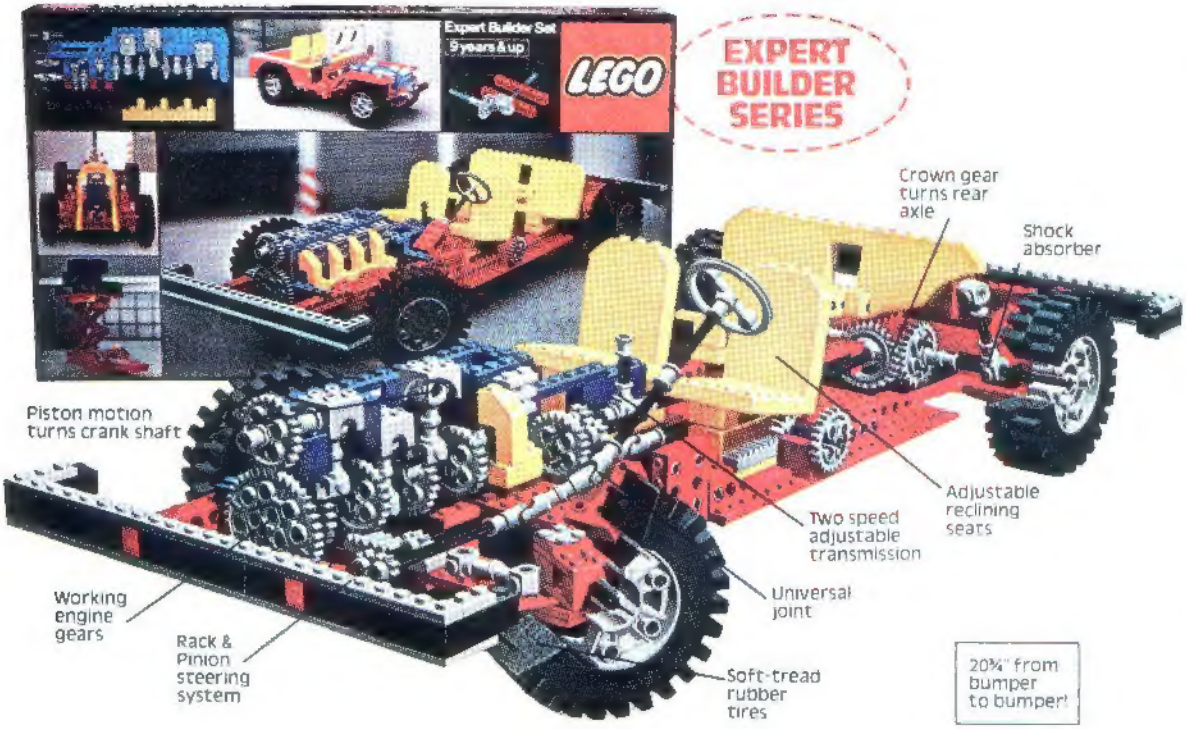

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